

# CFS Sestante Index Assertive Portfolio – Super & Pension Monthly Investment Report



As of 31/03/2026

## Latest Performance\*

	1-mth	3-mths	6-mths	1-yr	Inception
CFS MA Index Assertive Super	-4.82	-1.28	-0.18	10.66	10.56
CFS MA Index Assertive Pension	-5.43	-1.47	-0.26	11.83	11.75
RBA Cash Rate +4.0%	0.68	1.93	3.90	8.05	8.38

## Market Review

March 2026 was a turbulent month for global financial markets, dominated by escalating geopolitical tensions and a sharp surge in oil prices. As conflict in the Middle East intensified, investors increasingly priced in higher inflation risks and the possibility of prolonged elevated energy costs. This shift in sentiment led to rising bond yields, falling equity markets and increased volatility across asset classes. While corporate earnings remained broadly resilient, macro concerns and tightening financial conditions drove a broad-based reduction in risk exposure, with markets transitioning from sector rotation earlier in the year to more widespread declines.

In the United States, equity markets recorded their largest monthly decline in roughly a year. The S&P 500 fell around 5% during March, while broader U.S. equity benchmarks declined between approximately 4.5% and 6% as selling pressure extended beyond large-cap technology stocks. The shift toward macro-driven risk reduction meant that both growth and value stocks declined, highlighting the broad nature of the sell-off. Energy was the standout sector, supported by rising oil prices, while most other sectors, including industrials, consumer discretionary and healthcare, finished the month lower. Rising inflation expectations also pushed bond yields higher, with the U.S. 10-year Treasury yield rising by 0.33% to 4.30% and the 2-year yield increasing 0.41% to around 3.8%.

Commodity markets reflected the geopolitical backdrop, with energy prices surging sharply. Brent crude recorded one of its strongest monthly gains in decades, while broader commodity indices rose strongly during March. In contrast, precious metals declined as rising bond yields and a stronger U.S. dollar weighed on gold and silver prices. The U.S. dollar strengthened during the month as investors sought safe-haven assets amid heightened global uncertainty.

Outside the U.S., European equities fell more sharply than U.S. markets, declining around 9% as the region's reliance on imported energy heightened sensitivity to rising oil prices. Japanese equities were also weaker, reflecting concerns about higher input costs and slowing global growth.

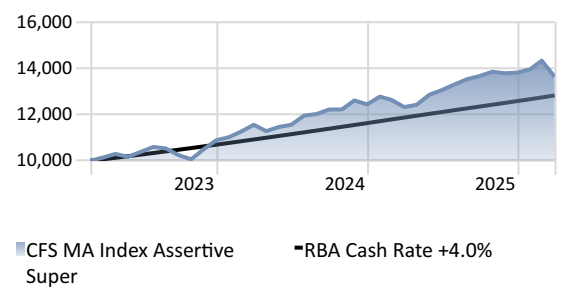
Australian equities also fell during the month but performed marginally better than some global peers. The S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index declined approximately 7.3% during March, while smaller companies were weaker, with the S&P/ASX Small Ordinaries falling around 11%. Rising energy prices, higher bond yields and weakening global growth expectations weighed on investor sentiment. Australian bond yields moved higher in line with global markets, with the 10-year government bond yield rising 0.33% to 4.97%. The Australian dollar also weakened, falling from around USD 0.7120 at the end of February to approximately USD 0.6900 by month end as the U.S. dollar strengthened.

Overall, March highlighted the growing influence of geopolitical risks on financial markets. While markets began to stabilise toward the end of the month, the outlook remains highly dependent on energy markets and geopolitical events.

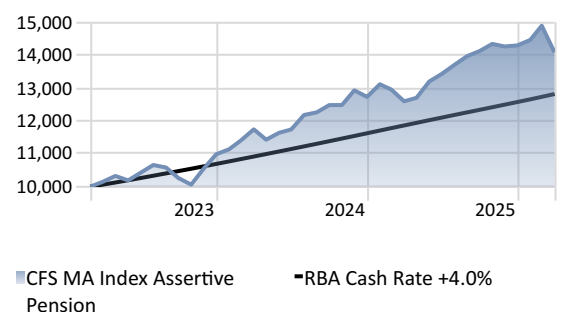
For a detailed market review and outlook, please refer to the Monthly Market Commentary document available on [www.azsestante.com/investment-options](http://www.azsestante.com/investment-options)



## \$10,000 invested over time - Super



## \$10,000 over time - Pension

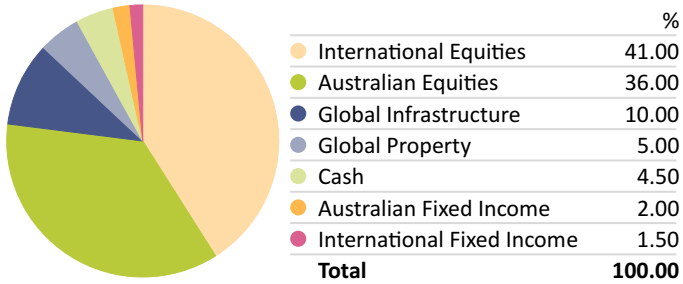


### Portfolio information

- Investment Objective: target RBA cash rate +4.0% per annum over rolling 7-year periods after fees.
- Asset Class: Diversified
- Standard Risk Measure: Very High
- 85% Growth / 15% Defensive
- Portfolio Inception Date: 1 March 2023

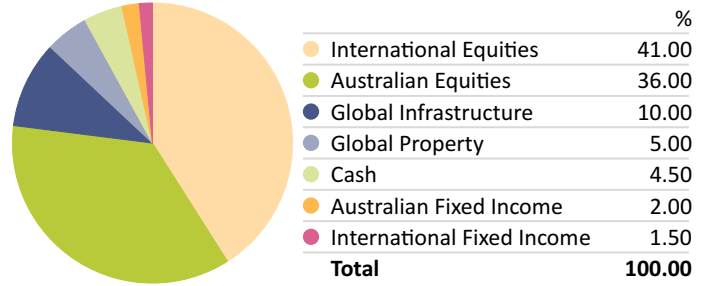
## Current Asset Allocation - Super

Portfolio Date: 31/03/2026



## Current Asset Allocation - Pension

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### Where your funds are invested

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<b>Global Infrastructure</b>	<b>10.00</b>	—
CFS FC W PSup-CFS Ind Glb List Infr Sec	10.00	🌐🌐🌐
<b>Global Property</b>	<b>5.00</b>	—
CFS FC W PSup-CFS Index Glb Property Sec	5.00	🌐🌐🌐
<b>Cash</b>	<b>4.50</b>	—
CFS FC W PSup-FSI Strategic Cash	4.50	—
<b>Australian Fixed Income</b>	<b>2.00</b>	—
CFS FC W PSup-CFS Index Australian Bond	2.00	—
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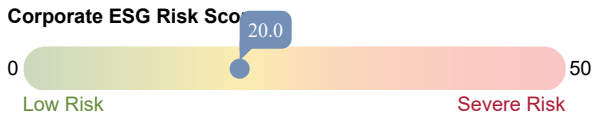
	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years
Bloomberg Global Aggregate TR AUD	0.85	-3.68	-4.04	-5.14	1.83
MSCI World Ex Australia GR AUD	-2.45	-6.12	-3.65	8.59	16.56
S&P Global Infrastructure TR AUD	-0.18	5.44	7.27	15.46	15.36
Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0+Y TR AUD	-1.42	-0.34	-1.48	1.51	2.06
S&P/ASX 200 TR AUD	-7.15	-1.61	-2.61	11.67	9.54

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### Portfolio changes

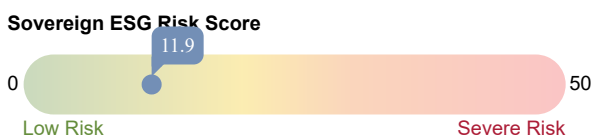
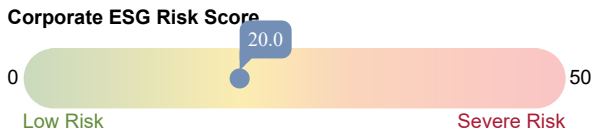
There were no portfolio changes this month.

## Sustainability Score - Super



● CFS MA Index Assertive Super

## Sustainability Score - Pension



● CFS MA Index Assertive Pension

## ESG Pillar Score - Super



## ESG Pillar Score - Pension



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